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SUBJECT: CLAIMS AGREEMENT SIGNING

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1. AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 9. DURING HOUR'S MEETING CHNOUPEK, AFTER EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SECRETARY'S INVITATION FOR HIM TO COME TO WASHINGTON FOR SIGNING OF CLAIMS AGREEMENT, DISCUSSED POSSIBLE DATES THAT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR BOTH SIDES. IN VIEW OF THE TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF GOLD TRANSFER REMAINING TO BE IRONED OUT, AND IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE, IT APPEARED THAT THE BEST MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME WOULD BE BETWEEN OCTOBER 7 AND 10, ROUGHLY.

2. CHNOUPEK IS NOW PLANNING TO GIVE HIS UN SPEECH ON OCTOBER 2, AND TO LEAVE US APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 10 FOR VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA EN ROUTE HOME. IF, AS AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS, SECRETARY RETURNS TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK ABOUT OCTOBER 5,
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THEN OCTOBER 7 - 10 WOULD SEEM BEST TIME FRAME. AMBASSADOR

EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SECRETARY, AND DID NOT KNOW PRECISELY HOW WELL THIS WOULD MEET SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE, BUT HE WOULD SEND CABLE PROMPTLY TO DEPARTMENT. CHNOUPEK ASKED CONFIRMATION OF DATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SINCE REMAINDER OF HIS SCHEDULE WAS BUILT AROUND THIS VISIT.

3. CHNOUPEK REPEATED WHAT HE HAD SAID EARLIER, THAT CZECHOSLOVAKS HOPED CLAIMS AGREEMENT WAS MERELY DOORWAY TO OTHER STEPS IMPROVING OUR RELATIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION HE SAID HE HOPED TO TALK WITH SECRETARY AND OTHER US OFFICIALS DURING HIS VISIT ABOUT OTHER BILATERAL MATTERS.

4. RECOMMENDATION: TO GIVE US TIME TO WORK OUT THE TECHNICAL DETAILS -- WHICH MAY NEED SOME PRETTY HARD WORK IN BRUSSELS -- EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SIGNING BE SCHEDULED BETWEEN OCTOBER 7 AND 10, IF THIS IS CONVENIENT FOR SECRETARY. WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH AN ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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